

Valentine Crawford to George Washington, June 8, 1774, three same date, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.

FROM MR. VALENTINE CRAWFORD.

VALE CRAWFORD June 8th 1774

DEAR SIR/ Sence I wrote you this Moment we Receved an acount of Several parteyes of Indens Coming in to the Ihabsentences¹ and yesterday Kild and Scalped one Man in Sight of the Fort on the Mon[on]ga[he]la of one of the vanmates² and there wase two Men Sworen that they yesterday Saw 30 Indens and these two men Mett with about 30 Men of the Scouts about five Miles from the place where the Indens were Seen and Emedently pursued them But we have Not heard farther of them But the party that Murderd the famely as I wrote you in my other Letter wase ferlowd by one pigman [?] a young Man that Conneley apointed a Lutenant with a party of aBout 30 Men overtuck them and Releved Som prisoners and Retuck Sixteen horses and Mears³ and a good dale of plunder they had tuck from people houses but Kilk Now Indens there has been Severell parteyes of Indens Seen within these two or three days and all Seem to be Making toward the Larrell hill or Mountain So that the people are afraid to travell the Road by geses⁴ Butt goes a Nigh way by Enden Creek or Rides in the Night to My Brothers and So He has Concluded to tak all your men and Sarvents into pay as Militia and Keep our ground tell we Can get Relefe from be Low Your Letter which I have Sho[w]n to Severell people has been

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of Infinite Sarvice to us as it incurags⁵ Meney people to Stand there ground in hopes of
Relefe from what you wrote Butt there is one unhapy Surcomstance our Contra⁶ is verely
Scarce of Emonition and arms and I have therefore tuck the Liberty to wright to you to
get Me 2 quarters of a Hundred Caskes of powder and Send it as far as Balls Run to My
Mothers⁷ or Colo Samuell Washington['s] or att Keyse's Ferrey where I can get up here
by pack horses I want Now Lead as we have a plenty of Lead up here So I beg of you to
Esist with your Intrest as you are a better Judge of our distrass than all Most aney other
Jentleman as you from your Letters to Me and My Brother Seem to be as well aquanted
with our distrass as if you where here in person your Selfe So I beg of you to write to Me
verely fully in your Next and I am dear Sir your

Most Sencer frend and Most Hble Servent VALEN CRAWFORD.

1 inhabitants.

2 inmates?

3 mares.

4 Gists?

5 encourages.

6 Country.

7 The mother of William and Valentine Crawford had long been a widow. Her maiden name was Onora Grimes. Crawford, her first husband, died when the two boys were young. She then married Richard Stephenson. Five sons and one daughter were born of the second marriage, when the second husband died. The mother, in her prime, as a woman of uncommon energy and great physical strength, yet kind in disposition, and very attentive to her children. She died in 1776.—BUTTERFIELD.